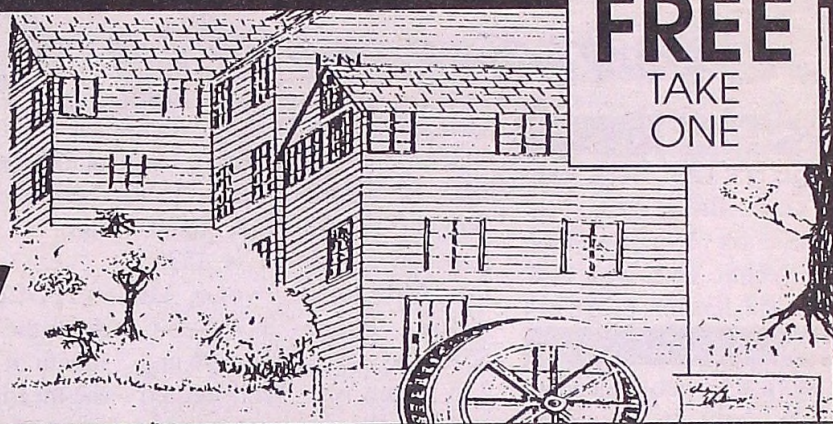


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## PUBLIC HEARING ON LDFA EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT TO BE HELD

by KIMBERLY BLAKER

At the October 10 Huron Township Board meeting, Bryan Coyer, legal council for the Local Finance Development Authority requested a public hearing. The purpose for the hearing is to discuss the possible expansion of the LDFA and improvement to LDFA property.

Coyer told the Board that State law requires a public hearing if the boundary is to be expanded.

Trustee Marlene Krause asked if the Board could exclude discussion of expansion from being heard at the meeting and only discuss the request for improvement to the area.

Coyer pointed out that by doing so the Board would be saying that it doesn't want public input on the issue.

Trustee Larry O'Kelley motioned to approve the hearing to discuss both issues.

However, Treasurer Jarrod Barron disputed the motion. He said he felt the two requests should be heard separately since they are different proposals. He argued that the recently formed subcommittee of the LDFA is trying to develop out and that it should see more results within before expanding. He denied being disinterested in hearing public opinion on the issue.

O'Kelley disagreed saying there couldn't be a better forum to discuss the issue of the West Road expansion. He said that he supports a third way across the freeway. Nevertheless, he only supports the expansion of West Road if it's a small paved road not if it would be a five-lane highway. O'Kelley also expressed concern with the length of time

the LDFA has been in existence.

Coyer said that the initial LDFA plan was to exist for a period of 20 years, beginning in 1988.

O'Kelley said he hadn't been aware of that but seemed satisfied with the response.

Supervisor John Mitchell said he'd be willing to listen to the public on expanding the LDFA area. However, that doesn't mean he agrees with the expansion, he remarked. He said he felt if the LDFA could demonstrate its purpose for the expansion then it might be something the Board would consider.

Coyer said that he and the LDFA would be willing to attend the meeting and share that information with the public and the Board.

Krause asked if the two requests could be separated following the public hearing if

they were heard together. She was informed it would be possible.

The Board approved the hearing to be held November 28 at 7 p.m. in the High School lecture hall.

In other news:

- A proposal for a contract for Huron police to enforce traffic on private roads was approved. Police Chief Robert Metzger told the board that most subdivisions in Huron Township are private roads. The contract would be used with subdivisions interested in having their speed limits, stops, etc. enforced. The Chief said the only cost to the Township would be an engineering study. Subdivisions would be responsible for purchasing and installing signs. The Chief said he would meet with the boards of subdivision to tell them what the police department can and cannot

enforce.

- An application by 3-B, Inc. (Woodside Meadows) for a dance and entertainment permit was tabled. Carey questioned why the Board was just reviewing it now when the original date of application had been a year ago. Bowers said the Township had no record of receiving the request previously. Adkins motioned to table the request until the Board is given more details. O'Kelley suggested the Board might look favorably upon it if the applicant were to come to a meeting to discuss the request.

- A motion to accept the bid of King Curb for paving the Senior Center driveway and parking lot was approved. Krause told the board she received two bids and moved to accept King Curb, which had the lower bid. Approval is pending a written guarantee on the work by King Curb.

## FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Huron High School Future Farmers of America Club joined with the Wayne County Farm Bureau in hosting an event entitled a *Promotion and Education in Agriculture* at the Wayne County Fair Grounds on September 11, 2001.

Approximately 400 elementary students from Belleville and Allen Park attended the nine sessions of ten minutes each which completed the project. The students especially enjoyed the session on dairy by making their own butter, during the greenhouse class they set

their own plants, and they also received instruction on beekeeping, viewed farm equipment, learned horse care and were instructed on how to raise corn and pumpkins. All of the instructors were volunteers from the area.

The event was organized and directed by Frank Rochwiak from Wayne County Farm Bureau, his is a volunteer position, and Shirley Tautolo, Instructor, for the F.F.A. at Huron High.

All who participated wish to thank Wayne County Fair Board for their generous donation of the grounds.



STUDENTS MAKING  
THEIR OWN BUTTER.

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# Community Calendar

## November 8

C.Y.B.O.R.G.S. Sock puppets class. Bring sock. Attention: class is in the high school lecture hall, west end. 7-8 p.m. (jr. directors 6:30 p.m.)

## Daily

Historical Society Calendars on sale daily at Reininger Realty.

## Weekly

Metro Singles Dance. Come join the fun, where singles go to meet. The Metro Singles Dance new location is at Sandtraps on 5 Mile every Wed. from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. beginning March 7. We will be featuring D.J. Dick Gerathy,

Budget Bar (21 and over), snacks, dressy attire (no jeans, please). Admission \$6, Hot line 1-313-438-6258. Sandtraps on 5 location is 35780 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48157. Phone 1-734-464-5555. Easy access from 96 and 275 freeways. Well-lighted parking. Balcony access, cozy fireplace.

## Monthly Meetings

Waltz Improvement Association meets the fourth Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. on park grounds in Waltz. New members are welcome.

Concerned Citizens Coalition (C3) meetings are held on

the first Thurs. of each month at the American Legion Hall at 7:30 p.m. Call 753-4838 for info.

HAA monthly meetings are held the second Tues. each month at 7:30 p.m. In August the meeting will be held at the concession stand. Beginning in September meetings will be held in the Junior High Library. All monthly meetings are open to the public.

M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) meet the second and fourth Tues. of each month at St. John's Lutheran Church in Waltz from 9-11 a.m. There is child care available. Come for rest, support, crafts, and affirmation. For mothers of infants through kindergarten-age chil-

dren. 783-3669.

Recreation Committee meets the first Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Huron Athletic Boosters will meet on the following dates: Mar. 7, 7 p.m.; April 10, 7 p.m.; May 1, 6 p.m. Meetings are held at Huron High School, Room 134.. Call 654-3781 for info.

Southwest Wayne County Democratic Club meets the fourth Thurs. of each month at Lakeview Printing, 70 Davis St., Belleville, at 7 p.m.

## Township Meetings

Board of Trustees meet second and fourth Wed. of each

month at 7:30 at the Huron High Lecture Hall.

Planning Commission meets the second Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Huron High Lecture Hall.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Huron High Library.

Historical Society meets the third Thurs. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Historical House.

Historical Comm. meets the second Thurs of each month at the Samuel Adams House at 6:30 p.m.

Recycling Committee meets the first Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Huron Twp. Hall.

Telecommunications Committee meets the last Mon. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Twp. Hall. For information call 734-782-9784.

The VFW Post 6040 meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wed. of each month at the American Legion Hall in New Boston.

## Senior Citizens

The Huron Township Senior Citizens are now meeting at the newly renovated Emil A. Krzyske Senior Center on Mineral Springs in Waltz.

The meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at noon. Helen Mates will be serving as President of the united groups.

The Senior Citizens van is available for doctor visits, shopping, etc. Please call the Senior Director for additional information.

Pam Carpenter is the Senior Director and may be reached at 654-9281.

Meals on Wheels provides a hot meal every day at 11:30 a.m. at the Center. Linda (Cricket) Thompson serves as director of the Meals on Wheels Program. For information call 654-4549.

Beginning July 14 the senior citizen van will be leaving the Center at 12:30 p.m. for shopping at Meijers. Anyone wishing a ride may come to the Center. Call for details, 734-654-9281.

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I hope my recipes this month helped you use up most of those vegetables that invaded your garden.

Here is another recipe to add to your harvest collection. This one uses eggplant and tomatoes. You can serve it either as an appetizer or a side dish.

If you have any comments or questions please contact me at The Huron River Weekly - Al Fresco, P.O. Box 472, New Boston, MI 48164.

## Al Fresco

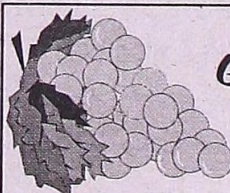


Georgette Heron Willoughby

## TOMATO and EGGPLANT DISCS

1 medium Eggplant - sliced 1" thick discs 6- 8 pieces	1 cup Feta Cheese - crumbled
fresh Tomato slices - 1" thick	Olive Oil
6-8 Kalamata Olives - pitted and finely chopped	Salt Pepper

Baste each slice (both sides) of eggplant with olive oil. Lay flat on a baking sheet. Broil both sides until they are brown. Sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper. Top with a tomato slice, some olives and some feta (divided equally). Return to broiler and cook until lightly brown. Drizzle each lightly with olive oil. Serve immediately.



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C.Y.B.O.R.G.S. WITH AUDRA  
TIMPKO SCRAPBOOKS.

by GEORGETTE HERON-WILLOUGHBY

Scrap booking has become quite an art form in recent years.

The youth club brought their photo memories to the October class and learned how to put them in scrapbook form.

Master scrapbooker Audra Timpko held each member's

attention as she explained her craft. Timpko showed how each page can tell a story with pictures, captions and sticker appliques. The members were so involved in the project that they didn't want to go home (or was it because they had homework?).

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

Huron High School's student council is responsible for many events that go on at the high school. One of these events is the Homecoming dance. This year it was held on September 15. Our theme was jungle, and the king and queen this year was Larry Bowen and Jenny Dluzinewski. This year the dance was a big success.

Other things that student council is responsible for would include philanthropy's. This is a way for us to give back to the community. For the month of September we had raised \$500 for the Red Cross. For this month we are

asking the community to help us. We are doing this project called "pennies for patients." The money goes to help raise money for leukemia research. Why we are asking you to help is because it is a contest. The school that raises the most money will get a visit from Mandy Moore. If you are not sure as to who she is ask one of your kids. A collection box is in the office. The fund-raiser began on October 8 and will run through October 26. Please help us to help leukemia patients. If you have any questions call the high school office at 753-1436.

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( ) 18 YEARS +

**COSTUME**

- ( ) 0 TO 5 YEARS ( ) 6 TO 12 YEARS

First, Second and Third prizes will be awarded in both voice and rhythmic/movement. Overall trophies will be presented in the voice and rhythmic/movement categories. A \$50 cash prize will be awarded in each of the costume division.

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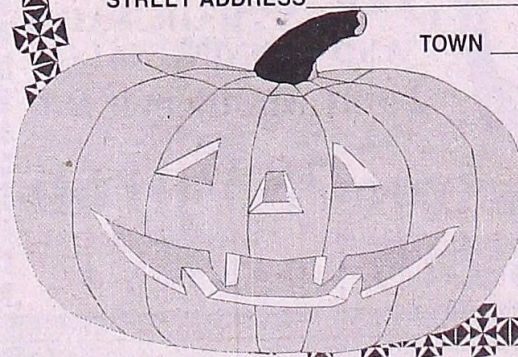
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# A STORY TO CURL YOUR HAIR

by MARGARET O'KELLEY

This is a story to curl your hair!

Lil' Hollywood Salon, located at 21001 Middlebelt Road welcomes two new beauty consultants to their staff, Claire and Stephanie.

Claire does both hair and nails and is a recent graduate and newly licensed. She was previously employed as an

administrative assistant but stated she has been cutting hair all her life so she knew cosmetology was her true calling. Claire is married with two children, two boys and one girl, and her hobbies include shopping and playing with her children.

Stephanie specializes in hairstyling. She, also, is a recent graduate and licensee.



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Both Stephanie and Claire

bring pleasing personalities and a good sense of humor to the business and their greatest desire is to please the customers and to always put the customer first. They want everyone to know they find working there very entertaining and appreciate the practical jokes. Stephanie and Claire want you to know that they are there five days a week and would love for you to come and visit them.



## STAY ALERT!

This time of year deer pose a greater risk to drivers. Following these suggestions can help reduce deer-related auto accidents.

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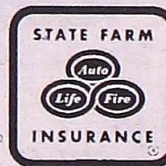
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They are: "Free throw contest for boys and girls," "Substance Abuse Poster Contest," "Essay Contest for Grade School Students," and "The Spelling Bee."

All of the above start at the local council level and the winners progress to district, state, and national contests.

Further information can be obtained from the Chairman, Norman O'Kray, (734) 479-0674 or the Grand Night Woodrow Patterson, (734) 692-1367.

The council hosted an Insurance Information Night this past week. They served a spaghetti dinner. Over 125 individuals attended.

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Larry O'Kelley

Rose Flowers appeared to be in full depression.

The man who was her childhood sweetheart and the man who she had been married to for over 50 years had died several months ago. She was devastated by his death and seemed to lose all interest in life. She particularly lost all interest in the day-to-day chores that were required in order to live.

Rose lost her interest in cooking, cleaning the house, answering the phone or taking a bath. Her kids, with families of their own, tried to spend time with her and help her cope, but she was not appreciative of their efforts and she constantly scolded them.

It got so bad that the kids finally met over the dinner table of the oldest and they agreed to have her admitted to a senior care facility. Here, they reasoned, she could get the care she needed to attend her basic needs. And, when

she got better, they would agree to let her return to her home. They were reasonable and loving children.

During the very same time the kids were meeting, Rose was sitting on her unmade bed and a voice told her that her kids were plotting against her. The voice told her of the kid's plan to have her placed in a "home." The voice told her that if she wanted to keep her promise to herself, she would have to "clean up her act."

The voice told her, "Clean up this place, straighten up and make a good impression. Let them think you are all better. We both know what needs to be done. We can't do what we

want if we are trapped in an old folk's home.

Rose understood the voice and immediately started to clean her home. She stayed up most of the night cleaning and scrubbing. When she was finished and the house smelled fresh, she tended to herself and took a bath.

When the kids dropped over later to break the news to her, they were surprised that Rose was tending to the flower garden. She was humming to herself and warmly greeted all of her children. She invited them in the house for tea and chatted cheerfully during the entire stay.

The children were amazed

and relieved that the depression appeared to be gone. Their mother was her old self and they were grateful they would not have to take her away.

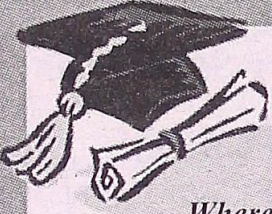
When the kids left, Rose walked out to the driveway and broadly waved to them. She smiled and she smiled until the last car drove down the road. When she turned back to her house her expression was stern — her expression was grim.

As she walked into the door,

she muttered, "Tomorrow's Halloween and that is as good as any to do the deed."

During the evening of Halloween, Rose answered all the "trick or treats" that chorused off her front porch. She greeted each goblin with a smile and she laughed at each child as she filled their bags with candy. All of the neighborhood kids would for many years talk about the generous Mrs. Flowers who game them so much candy that year — so

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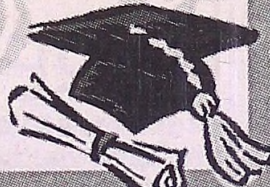
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### Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Party to celebrate. Another season done. Contest winners. Are you the best of show? Dress up to entertain but be prepared for a trick if you don't treat. Lucky #1031.

### Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Knock on the door. Is it scary little ones? Candy treats a favorite. Safety in the malls assured. Ask for directions to workplace. Then ask for directions. Lost again? Lucky #1031.

### Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Scary is as scary does. Are you talented enough for the show? Special party for small goblins always fun. Bring all if you can. No treats! You better hide. Lucky #1031.

### Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Travel to friends and relatives includes stops at neighbors. Don't forget local businesses. Old dog on alert as strange faces knock on door. Prepare for fun on Devil's Night. Lucky #1031.

### Pisces Feb. 20 - Mar. 20

Once again you find yourself sur-

rounded by fear. But not what you expected. Little ones try their best as you put on best "look." Prepare for special party. Bring treats! Scary! Lucky #1031.

### Aries March 21 - April 20

Don't look in the mirror unless have makeup on. Halloween makeup that is. Ask for donation at door for friends. Be tricky and not the treat. Celebrate birthday with special friends. Lucky #1031.

### Taurus April 21 - May 21

You are the scariest of them all. Ask all, they won't lie. Spend time with goblins and treat all well. Devil's night, find surprise in the morning. Big clean up to do? Lucky #1031.

### Gemini May 22 - June 21

No! You are the scariest! And so are the kids. Act afraid to please little ones! So many civil servants come to your door. All ask for handout. Party may be best plan. Lucky #1031.

### Cancer June 22 - July 23

Boo! You scared me! Looks from friends and family say it all. Ask for special help. Ask for kind act. Be cautious on Devil's Night not to be in wrong place at wrong time. Use mind for once. Lucky #1031.

### Leo July 24 - August 23

Busy at work? Done? Busy at school? Always. Find latest edition of local paper for update on ridiculous stories. Dress children for fun. Dress

## Horoscope



William Grover

up yourself. Enter local talent contest? Lucky #1031.

### Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Firemen! Policemen! Fairy princesses! Wow, what a treat! Or are you easily tricked? Hurry put on make-up before others frightened by the real you. Play tricks on family and friends. Lucky #1031.

### Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Trick or treat! Aren't you too old? Never! Spend time at party but don't forget your own needs. Enter a talent contest and show off. Follow the bouncing ball? No control all actions. Lucky #1031.

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## Maggie's Musings



Margaret O'Kelley

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If you find some  
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in this publication... Please consider that they are there for a very good purpose. We publish something for everyone... and some people are always looking for MISTAKES!

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## WHO PASSED AWAY OCTOBER 28, 2000

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ease the pain. We each feel it different, but still it's the same. We've all lost someone, we all share the pain. All the could haves and should haves, all the things left unsaid. We think of them daily, and each night before bed. I'm sure I'm not the only one, I know we all do. Hold a special place in our hearts that's meant just for you.

The songs I remember, the fun we all shared. Nothing's been the same during this past year. Everyone seems so different, so distant and alone. We all share the same feelings, a big loss of our own. But on October 28th we'll all have one thing in mind. The person we all shared, at one point in time. In good times and in bad, the man that each of us calls DAD.

Our Father, Grandfather, & Papa, our strength and our pride. The one who held us all together, the one who still tries. I'm glad I come from a big family, and yet sad at the same time. Because I don't wish pain like

this on anyone, and I know they ALL share mine.

*Sadly missed and still loved by his wife Betty, his son Fred, daughter Kathleen and Betty Joanne, son-in-laws Ed and Richard, daughter-in-law Denise, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.*

## SHO NUFF

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much — like there was no tomorrow.

Indeed — the kids pretty much had it right. For Rose there would be no tomorrow. Tonight she was going to join her husband Sam. Tonight she was going to jump off the Huron River Bridge. She had it all figured out.

Rose knew that by 9 p.m. almost everybody was inside. The streets of New Boston would be deserted. She also knew that the bridge had a habit of hiding the walkway that spanned both sides of the bridge. The bridge was ugly with large steel girders and always in constant need of painting. But for tonight, those flaws would be in Rose's favor.

She knew she was not a good swimmer and the water would be cold. She knew that she would have to resist the urge to struggle — the body's natural need to survive. She would simply drop from the bridge — take a large breath of water into her lungs — stand the burning sensation and then die.

There was a chill in the air when she parked her car on the vacant property next to the entrance to the park. She walked the distance to the bridge and was thankful only one car passed her by. She didn't need a helpful neighbor stopping to try to help her. She didn't need help tonight — tonight she was joining Sam.

The railing on the bridge was cold to the touch and there was a brisk breeze. She was chilled by the time she grasped the rail and raised herself up. As she straightened up — her legs buckled a little bit and she thought for a moment she was going to lose her balance. She wanted to die but not by mis-

take. She almost lost her courage and stepped down.

At the moment she heard a faint "trick or treat" in the far distance coming from the heart of New Boston. It snapped her back to reality and she raised her arms. She stepped off the railing with her arms extended over her head. She felt the sensation of falling and she was resigned.

Instead of feeling the shock of cold water, she felt something very strong and firm grab her outstretched hands. She jerked to a stop and was no longer falling. Confused she looked up and saw Sam. She saw the face and body of Sam Flowers.

"No my Rose Petal — not today."

Sam had always called her Rose — Rose Petal as a nickname — sort of a play on words considering her last name of Flowers.

"What?" she struggled to speak, "what?"

Sam's voice was even and smooth, "Not today Rose — not now — it's not the proper time."

He pulled her back over the railing and she briefly rested against his chest.

"Sam I can't go on. I need you."

"And I need you Rose, but not today — not this way." "You have so many years left. Enjoy them, enjoy our kids and their kids. Breath and rejoice in life."

Sam grabbed her left hand and placed her wedding band on her finger. "Remember this?"

She looked at the ring and tears came into her eyes. Large tears that caused her to sob. The ring was her wedding band that she had taken off her hand the last time she saw her

husband. She had placed it in his hands and told him goodbye.

She composed herself and looked up but he was gone.

By the time she stumbled back to her car, she had convinced herself that she had imagined it all. What happened was that she "chickened out" at the last moment and had climbed back down from the railing. She hadn't jumped at all — when she stumbled — she had lost her nerve and had stepped down. That was it and now she was worn out. She didn't want to think any more — she just wanted to go home.

She was exhausted when she entered her house and she collapsed on the couch without removing her clothes.

She slept most of the day and awoke confused. She felt the old depression coming back and she was certain the voice would come back. She slowly walked to the bathroom and noticed in the mirror that she was still wearing her scarf around her head. She reached with her left hand to remove it and she felt the scarf snag on her hand. She looked down and saw her wedding ring. On her hand was the wedding ring she had placed in her husband's hand.

Sam had saved her last night — she had the proof on her left hand. She smiled and drew comfort from the words he had spoken. He had said "it is not time." Indeed it was not time. It was time for living and because of Sam she was going to live it. She knew the depression would not come back. She knew the voice would not come back. She knew that Sam wanted her to go on and indeed she would.

Rose "Petal" Flowers lived for a long, long time.

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